

## AVIATION DEPARTMENT - Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport

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RE: Norse Atlantic Airways - Operation between the United Kingdom and the United States

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Broward County, which owns and operates Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport ("FLL"), I want to express our support for the application filed by Norse Atlantic Airways AS ("Norse") to operate between the United Kingdom and the United States. In its application, Norse has identified FLL as a destination for its service to/from London in the United Kingdom.

Historically, London to the U.S. has been one of the most popular and densely traveled international routes for both business and leisure travelers. FLL is one of only two large hub airports on the Eastern Seaboard without service to London. The proposed service to/from London will generate tremendous economic benefits for the economy of South Florida in terms of visitor spending and the economic impact generated by air cargo. We strongly believe the business model Norse has proposed - affordable fares on environmentally friendly aircraft - will appeal to consumers in the greater Fort Lauderdale area and attract tourists from Europe to the region.

FLL also looks forward to the economic growth and job creation opportunities Norse will bring to the region. Broward County and the South Florida region depend on convenient, low-cost air transportation to maintain their position as a premier tourist destination. We are looking forward to new service to Oslo, Norway from FLL on June 20, 2022.

For the reasons outlined above, I encourage the Department to swiftly approve Norse's application, which will enable Norse to begin its service between London from FLL.

Respectfully submitted.

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